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Men are most likely to form just opinions when they have no other wish than to know the truth, and are exempt from all influence, either hope or fear. —Macaulay.

#### The Chamber of Commerce.

Leigh, president of the Chamber of Comis a nost instructive and enment that in the greatest prosperity the country has ever known, Richmond communities, in the march of progress. Mr. Leigh presents the following figures from 1895 to 1905: Our manufactures in creased, 45 per cent.; our jobbing trade, 82 per cent; bank loans, 122 per cent. bank deposits, 234 per cent.; bank capital, 65 per cent.; surplus and undivided profits. 72 per cent: total banking assets. 145 per cent; bank clearances, 114 per cent.; assessed value of real estate, 151-2 per cent.; assessed value of personalty

In 1905 railroad tonnage increased over 1904 11.8 per cent., and postoffice receipts 13 per cent. These increases are for a

1905, against 69 in 1835, while the loses involved in 1905, were only about oneis the more significant in view of the fact that the banks loaned 22 in 1906 as they loaned in 1895; our manufacturers did 13 per cent, over double as ness nearly double.

Mr. Leigh pays a merited tribute to agriculture, which goes to show that value of the farmer, as a contributor to the wealth of the nation, and recof trade and industry are involved in

to the city of acquiring the Richmond dock, and calls attention to the report the committee which has been nego tlating with a committee of the Trigg Company bondholders.

He refers to the important subject of better rail connections at junctional points, with the valley and southwest, and says that while some good results have been accomplished from work done in this direction, much remains to be done. That is indeed an important matter for (Richmond, and we hope the chamber will not relax its efforts to oring the ratironds to terms.

community are discussed by the retiring president, and the entire report should

The Chamber of Commerce has served the city well, and now has a greater work than ever to perform. people will be indifferent to their best in-terests, if they do not give it liberally the moral and personal support it needs Mr. Leigh takes occassion to say that the secretary of the chamber is an officer of great and rare value, and that the use ful and honorable career of the body is largely due to his work.

Let us add that no president of the Chamber of Commerce has given it a more faithful, intelligent and efficient service, than President Leigh, Intellecteral, enterprising, public spirited, courteous and gracious, he is an honor to any organization over which he may preside, and a model citizen. The Chamber paid him a very high compliment an rendered the community a valuable service in ro-electing him.

#### Mr. Rogers As a Witness

Alleging oppressive methods in the direction of crushing competition, the State of Missouri is endeavoring to oust the Standard Oll Company from her borders. Thanks to the arrogance of Mr. Henry H. Rogers, the hearing has so far made little headway. Proceedings have now been suspended, pending a decision from the Supreme Court of New York as to whether or no Missouri is merely impertinent in seaking to inquire into the arfairs of Standard Oil.

Mr. Rogers contends that Massouri is, Consequently, he steadily declines to answer all questions bearing with any dioneness upon the points at issue. "Do you mean to tell the Supreme Court of Missouri," asked Attorney-General Hadley on Monday, "that you don't know where your company offices are located?" "It is immaterial to me," responded the

as a fair specimen retort. Actuated by a sense of humor comparable in high finance only to that of the estimable Harpancy. His example has been infectious. sel." "Next." observes the New York Evening Sun, "we shall have the scrub-

make it. He has done his best to show Ignoring all other aspects of such a posito belittle the very machinery by which to him. Since the possession of wealth only, is it sound common sense for a man of great wealth to endeavor to impress impotence of the law? Mr. Rogers might well remember that an attitude of depoliceman who "declined to answer."

#### Mr. Mason and the West Virginia Suit.

Several days ago we received a letter rom Mr. J. M. Mason, of West Virginia, in which he undertook to make correction of an article which we had written on theproposed suit against West Virginia, If Mr. Mason had been patient we should have printed a reply to his copy of it to another newspaper and as that paper has already published it, we shall simply note the alleged correction Mr. Mason says that our article was misleading, because it omitted the cru cial provision of the contract under which the certificates are deposited. which provision he himself quotes as

"After depositing creditors have accepted a plan of settlement, Brown Bros., shall surrender the certificates to either State and receive in exchange therefor, the amount and kind of bonds called for by the plan of settlement. The fact is that Mr. Mason does no Times-Dispatch not only quoted the provisions exactly and in full, but repro duced the entire agreement. The proislon which Mr. Mason claims to have quoted and which we published, is as fol-

ome effective (of which fact the de claration in writing of the committee to the several depositories shall be con

ties called for by the plan of settlement. "The amount so received in settlemen shall be immediately delivered to depositing creditors, in accordance with the

ourchase and sale of such fractional interests as may be necessary to equalize

Mr. Mason insists that the plan of sat lement most carefully excludes the Virginia Debt Commission. uch explient provision in the plan. It true that nothing is said about the Virginia Debt Commission, and that the more so because it was through his adginia's part of the debt, was created. if the State may not settle this matter through a legally constituted debt commission then the settlement which she made with the Olcott committee, of her part of the debts was an illegal settlement and vold.

The Daily School Session.

It needs not to be said that the teachers in the public schools of Richmond are devoted to their work, and that they have at heart the true interest of the schools and the pupils committed to them. Therefore, in petitioning the School Board to shorten the hours of the dally school sessions we are constrained to believe that they are not acting selfishly, but for the good of the system, as they believe. Some of them are convinced that better results would be obtained if the session should be shortened. They say that the last half hour is the most irksome for the children; that they most instances tired and worn out and incapable of doing efficient work and that all the petty disorders are within that period. The children now go into school at 8:45 in the morning and reintermission of thirty minutes after the noon hour. This makes five and a half children, except the little ones in the primary grades, who are confined but three hours. Many of the teachers are thoroughly satisfied that if the time of the daily session should be reduced to five hours, if the opening hour should be 9 and the closing hour 2, the pupils would do more effective work, in the shorter than in the longer time. Others are not entirely sure, but they are sufficiently inclined to be willing to make the experiment for at least one year,

This question originated in the Council and the School Board was requested to make an investigation and report. In pursuance of this, Superintendent Fox wrote to twenty-four city superintendents, genial Rogers, "what the State of Mis distributed all over this country; to four

souri expects me to say," We cite this superintendents in Canada, and to on in each of the cities of Berlin, Liverpool Vienna and Glasgow. He received twenty replies from cities in the United States the whole proceedings as a very passable city of Liverpool. All agree on one session for the high school, but in primary session and nineteen two sessions a day hours the children are in school are about the same as in Richmond, although we are informed that in Lynchburg and Atlanta the pupils are confined but five

"If you have a single session, do you find the pupil so exhausted as to be unfit after a reasonable amount of rest and outdoor exercise to prepare the work for Six answer "No" one says, "Too long a strain"; one, "No report of such effects"; one, "In a sixlittle value."

Another question: "Does the length of dition of pupils?" Seven answer, "Yes"

Still another: "Do you think that a sixhour session, with thirty minutes' rest. produces such a condition of weariness as to prevent satisfactory mental action? Nine answer, "Yes"; two answer, "No" tainly too long for continuous effort for teacher and pupils"; three, "I think it is too long"; one, "A six-hour session is not too long if intermissions are often enough and long enough"; one, "I am inclined to think that for growing children the last hour would be lost": one. "No one, "I think five hours is better."

Finally, "Would a reduction of hour twenty minutes clear working time, and believe that five hours is all that should be required"; one, "With a limited amount of work, yes; otherwise, no" one, "It would if teachers and pupils

And so, as usual, the doctors disagree. So far as Richmond is concerned, there are several questions to be considered. To complete a course in the Richmond schools requires seven years of study, with four additional years in the high school. Superintendent Fox is of opinion that the "outlines" could not be encomsession should be reduced from six to five hours; but that this could be done if to ten months, or if the course should be prolonged to eight years.

The first proposal is not to be entertained. As for the second, we are not prepared to venture an opinion. We learn that to lengthen the course to eight years would require more room and more All things considered, it seems to us inadvisable, if not indeed impracticable, to shorten the daily session at this time

#### Double Taxation.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Sir,-Kindly answer through your wide Sir,—Kindly answer through your wide-by read paper the following question in regard to taxation: "A." owner of a house and lot worth \$1,500, borrows from "B" \$1,000 to embark in business, giving note secured by mortgage. "A." pays taxes on the \$1,600, also pays another tax on the \$1,000 as capital invested. Does not "B" have to pay a tax on the \$1,000 loaned out? If that is so then the State receives taxes on \$3,500 when it should only receive taxes on \$2,5000.

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A. and B.

Richmond, Va. Commissioner of Revenue in Richmon elty and he says that both A and B would money, making a total of \$2,500; afte tax on the note whose face value is transaction. B's money was taxed once after the transaction it is taxed twice. If that is not double taxation, what is it?

New York society folk are mooting the question whether a woman can live on \$60,000 a year. We don't care to butt in, of course, but it does seem that a good deal depends on whether or not

The proposed bill making it unlawful to bury people alive is the only thing we know of that seems to offer a means by which Mr. Odell may obtain redress,

Rolling stones may gather no moss. but that, again, provides no reason why glass-house dwellers should get into the way of throwing them.

As to the promised insurance prosecutions nobody can justly accuse Mr. Jerome of acting with ineautious haste. Meanwhile, the Senate is exhibiting a

marked reluctance to get itself bound Those new \$500 volumes in the State Library, however, are not the kind for

the runner to read. If old Winter should hesitate much longer, Spring will step in and call time

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#### Rhymes for To-Day.

Strolling With Jim McPhovs.

Says I to stolld Jim McPhops,
As down the path we strode:
"How oft when you and me was boys,
We tramped this dusty road!
How sweet them boyhood walks war,
Jim!"

"We never took no walks," says him;

"And oh," says I, "the happy talks
We had in them old days!
How brisk we chatted on them walks,
Which now seems foraways.
You recollect them talks, hey, Jim?"
"We never had no talks," says him.

"'Ere, 'ere," says I, ''you can't forget
That cool and shady spot
Aside the spring, where oft we set
When you and me was hot?"
A queer look come to me from Jim;
"We never set nowheres," says him.

"'Ere, fool," says I, "you lyin' Mike, Quit puttin' on them airs; What's makin' we two hit this pike Except to set somewheres?" "I thought," says Jim, with some sur-

"Twas jest to git the exercise."

#### Merely Joking.

Biting the Dust .- "Pasteurized dirt!" exclaimed the property man. "What the dickens do they want that for?" "For biting purposes," answered the sombrette. "Our villian is very particular. He won't bite any other kind,"—Houston Chronicle,

A Grand Old Man.—Methuselah chuckled, "Yes," he cried, "I am the only man who ever lived long enough to see a canal finished." Herewith we see the advantage of being posterity yourself.—New York Sun.

A Long Jump,—Pessimist: "Oh, dear! oh, dear! How shockingly cold! How shall we get over this dreadful winter?" Optimist: "Oh, that's easy enough." Pessimist: "How?" Optimist: "Why, with a spring, of course."—Exchange.

In the Cosy Corner,—"So," said Kwoter, concluding a story, "I warned him. Forewarned is forearmed, you know, and so—" "Oh," sighed Miss Yurner, "I would so like to meet a man who was four-warned."—Philadelphia Press.

Knock on the Holy Estate.—Tired Thompson: "Wuz yer ever before a judge?" Frozen Stiffe: "I wuz." Tired Thompson: "Wot did yer git?" Frozen Stiffe: "Life at hard labor. I wuz mar-ried by a judge."—Judge,

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY January 12th.

1808 Salmon P. Chase born. 1809-Cayenne surrendered by the French to the British and the Portuguese, under Captain Yeo.

1825—Bayard Taylor, born, 1828—A treaty with Mexico signed es-tablishing a boundary line. 1862—Stanton nominated Secretary of

1863—Three Federal transports on the Cumberland River captured by the Confederates. The gunbant Sildel, which was in company, surrendered

without firing a gun. 1865—The United States Senate voted to 5-The United States Senate voted to abrogate the reciprocity treaty with PLANS TO ENTERTAIN Canada.

1868-The thermometer stood thirty-six

Wis.

which Vanderbilt had purenased and presented to Mrs. Grant.

1905—Two Colorado Democratic senators forcibly ejected from the Legislature.

ROUND OF EVENTS FOR MISS LOUISE M'ADAMS

PITTSBURG, PENN., January 11.—Miss Louise McAdams, of Richmond, Va., who is the house guest of Miss Minnle Agnew Beatty and Miss Lorraine T. Beatty, of South Rebecca Street, will be the guest of honor at a number of affairs during her visit in the city. This afternoon, Miss Eleanor Sherburn Ayers, asked about seven or eight girls to drop in for an informal cup of tea to meet Miss Meadams, who is also to be guest of honor at the dinner; Miss Almee Well will give January 18. January 19. the Misses Beattys will give a euchre for their house guest; January 19th, they will be hossesses at a dance at the Schenley, and Monday, January 22, they will again entertain at cards.

NEW GUN CLUB.

Wards preparing for the entertainment of the Episcopal General Convention in this 500 A church to formulate plans for caring for the delegates from the Legislature.

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Fauquier County Merchant Makes Oyster Boat Captains Indicted for Assignment,
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 11.-

The Fredericksburg Gun Club has been organized here, the object of which is to organized here, the object of which is to improve marksmanship by shooting at clay pigeons and general exercises, with the following officers: K. Nelson Goolrick, president; F. M. Aldridge, vice-president; Mason Willis, secretary. The club has already about thirty members. Mr. H. Edwards, doing a merchandise business at Morrisville, in lower Fauguer county, has made an assignment to E. J. Hotchkiss, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities, \$3,000; assets about \$1,000. nssets about \$1,000. Miss E. C. Holmes, who has been con

nected with the city postoffice here for nearly two years, has been transferred to Takoma Station, in Washington. Mr. Henry M. Holladay has been appointed INSTANTLY KILLED.

# Herbert Crocker, Colored, Shoots Another Negro, (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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IVOR, VA., January II.—On the farm of Mr. S. L. Boykin, about two miles from this place, to-day, Herbert Crocker shot and killed instantly Junius Fields, in the house of the latter. Both parfies are colored. Crocker claims to have done the shooting accidentally. He tried to escape, but has been arrested by Operator Fitzgerald at Dwight, the telegraph station cast of this point. The coroner's jury doubt the statement from the murderer as being accidental. Most probably he will go on to the grand jury.

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#### BENCH WARRANTS.

Cruelty to Their Crews.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA. VA., January 11.—In
the United States Court here to-day the
grand jury reported indictments against
Captain William Justice, of the Potomac
oyster boat Daniel 3, and Captain George
Doyster, of the oyster boat Upshur Q,
charging them with beating and imprisoning members of their crews. The
charge against Justice was that he had
assaulted and imprisoned a seaman
named Bela Feley November 18, 1905,
by the Potomac River near Coles Point.

named Bela Feley November 18, 1805, by the Potomac Riyer near Coles Point, while Doyster was accused of similar crueities to Hermun W. Jahn about the same time and place.

Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of both captains, and the cases were transferred to the Norfolk court.

An indictment was also reported against John W. Rice, of Whealton, Va., charging him with recovering a lot of liquor which had been selzed by a revenue officer. The alleged offense occurred at Whealton December 25th and the liquor was taken from Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Edwin Broun,

#### Wynne-Hahn,

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 11—M

Watler Wynne and Miss Paula—Half

both of this city, were quietly marri
to-day at the home of the bride, of
Thirty-second Street, Rev. J. T. Gree

the cremeny. On account of the rece
death of the bride's brother, only me
bers of the immediate family of t
young couple were present. Mr. Wyn
is connected with the local office of t
Furness-Withy Company, Ltd. The bri
is the organist at Grace Method

Church, The young couple left for
bridgl tour to Tampu, Florida.

# DISTRACTED BY THEIR SUFFERING

Awful Experience of the Crew of the Schooner Robert McClintock.

HER SAILS BLOWN AWAY

Portsmouth Couple Elope Because the Groom Was Too Young.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., January 11 .- The schooner Robert McClintock, Captain Lewis, of Baltimore, which had such a narrow escape in the recent storm on her way to Georgetown, S. C., was towed Smith, of Baltimore, leaking. She will he repaired here and proceed on her voyage. Captain Lewis says the suffering and the dangers through which They sailed from Baltimore with cargo of steel rails, and on January 3d, when off Hatteras, were struck by a southeast storm and compelled them to make off sales set in order to keep the schooner from capsizing and wearing north, tried to make Delaware Breakwater. Then they were towed a while by the British tramp steamer Frankfort, bound from Rotterdam for- Philadelphia, but broke adrift in the snow storm.

idrift in the snow storm.

Meanwhile the steamer had but aboard Meanwhile the steamer had but aboard the Schooner two of her crew, who helped the McClintock's men at the pumps. One by one the vessel's, salls were blown away, and the northeast storm encoun-tered last nearly stipped her of canvas. Finally she was headed in toward the beach and made off Fenwick's Island, where the life-savers boarded her, and, taking charge, kept her fairly clear of water, while her crew, who had been on duty night and day at the pumps for water, while her crew, who had been on duty night and day at the pumps for

on duty night and day at the pumps for about a week, got a little sleep.

They were almost distracted by their sufferings, and their hands were blistered by the labor at the pumps.

Miss Emma Groome, of Fourth Street, and Edward O. Culpeper, who conducts a grocery at the corner of Fourth and Fayette Streets, both, of Portsmouth, eloped this morning to Elizabeth City, N. C., where they were married. The groom is a son of Thomas Culpeper, of Fourth Street, and is not yet twentyone years of age. The elopement was due to parental objection on the part of the grooms' parents, owing to the fact that

mouth to-hight.

W. C. Hundley, of Covington, Va., sucd Charles H. Consolvo and the Ocean View Hotel Company to-day for \$500. The case was tried in the Court of Law and Chancery, and a verdict given for the iefendants.

#### RECTOR CALLED.

New Jersey Makes Handsome Donation to Colored Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HAMPTON, VA., January II.—The ves-ry of old St. John's Church, Hampton, as extended a call to Rev. Wallace E. Pas extended a call to Rev. Wallace E. Rollins, of Asheville, to become the assistant rector of the church. Rev. Mr. Rollins was formerly rector of the Episcopal Church at Covington, Va., having been succeeded there by Rev. George Rogers, who left the assistant rectorship of old St. John's to accept the work at Covington.

ship of old St. John's to accept the work at Covington.

Rev! Beverdy Estill, D. D., rector of St. Johns personally knows Rev. Mr. Rollins, and is anxious to have him accept the invitation to come to Hampton. Rev. Dr. Estill, who is interested in the proposition to erect a church building for the colored Episcopalians of Hampton, has received a letter from Rev. Robert Colos, D. D., rector of the church of Our Saviour, Jenkinstown, N. J., announcing that the church had reaised \$1,500 toward the Hampton project.

A lot already has been secured for the

A lot already has been secured for the church and Dr. Estill says the work will begin in the spring

#### COLONIAL ECHO.

The William and Mary Annual Staff Elected.

Staff Elected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE,
Jan. 11.—The Nominating Committe,
chosen by the student body a few days
ago, met in the college chapel last night,
and elected the following as officers for
the next issue of the "Colonial Echo,"
the college annual: Editor-in-chief, R.
A. Henley; business manager, James A.
Carson; assistant business managers,
Robert B. Dade and E. B. Falson; literary editors, J. B. Newcomb and W. B.
Terrel; art editors, J. H. Farner and
G. L. H. Johnson; club editors, W. B.
Wrigglesworth and W. E. Eyvans; social
editor, J. W. Heffin; athletic editor, S. A.
McDonald; Y. M. C. A. editor; C. E.
Koontz; eavesdropper, G. A. Dovell,
Great interest is being taken in the next
annual, and the students are setting to
work in earnest to finkle it a success.
The abey mentioned men are one of
the abiest bodies of officers that have
ever been on a William and Mary annual staff, and, with the co-operation
of the faculty, which has already been
promised, everything points to success in
every way.

#### STATE'S CHAMPION.

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Wins in Roller Skating Race.

Roller Skating Race.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 11.—Samuel
Pritchard, aged fifteen years, won the
one-mile State championship roller skating contest in this city to-night. Time,
3 minutes and 20 seconds. The contestants were Jack Frost, Pacini and Ramkey, of Richmond, and Pritchard. Colin
Neal, and George Lunsford, of Petersburg. Pritchard was the only boy in the
race, and ine lead all his competitors
by several laps of the rink.

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